

- (iv) Projection of additional defence departmental quota and military compartments and restoration of those discontinued, to the Ministry of Railways.
- (v) Regular monitoring of defence personnel in transit by Military Police.

### **Influx of Nepalese Muslims into Uttaranchal**

†\*110. SHRIUDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOMEAFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards influx Nepalese nationals, belonging to the Muslim community, from bordering areas of Nepal to Pithoragarh and other districts of Uttaranchal;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the total number of such Nepalese Muslim families identified so far; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to check the influx?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOMEAFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) There are no reports of any influx of Nepalese Muslims into Uttaranchal.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) India - Nepal Border is open Border. There are no restrictions on entry of citizens of either country. However, adequate number of border-guarding forces have been deployed and a number of border outposts in the State along the India-Nepal Border have been established to prevent any undesirable cross-over.

Constant vigil/patrolling on the border continues. Close liaison is also kept with the State Government. Appropriate Intelligence network is in place.

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